



Academic Competitiveness Grant Validation Form

2007-2008 Academic Year

SECTION I (to be completed by Student)

_____	_____	_____	_____
Last Name	First Name	M.I.	Social Security Number
_____		_____	
Street Address		E-mail Address	

_____	_____	_____	_____
City	State	Zip	

I hereby authorize high school officials at _____ High School to release information regarding my high school transcript and/or academic records to the Cuyamaca College Financial Aid Office.

_____	_____
Student Signature	Date

SECTION II (to be completed by High School Official)

The student above may be eligible for an additional grant in the amount of \$750-\$1300 based on this validation. When validation is complete, please return the form to:

Cuyamaca College, Financial Aid Office, 900 Rancho San Diego Parkway, El Cajon, CA 92019.

The student identified in Section I graduated from _____
(Name of High School)

on _____ and completed one the following rigorous courses of study:
(MM/YYYY)

Student did not complete any of the rigorous courses of study listed below.

_____ Completed the California A-G Course Requirements

_____ Completed State Scholars Requirements

_____ Golden State Seal Merit Diploma

_____ AP exam # _____ Score _____ AP exam # _____ Score _____

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_____ California International Baccalaureate exam – score _____

_____ Completed out-of-state requirements in _____
(Name of State)

_____ Type of rigorous course requirement (**validated by non-Californian school**)

<u>High School Official Seal</u>

_____	_____	_____
Signature of Principal or Designee	Phone Number	Date

_____	_____
Print Name of Principal or Designee	E-mail Address

Financial Aid Office
900 Rancho San Diego Parkway, El Cajon, CA 92019-4304 619-660-4201 Fax: 619-660-4279 www.cuyamaca/finaid.edu

Rigorous Course of Study Requirement for ACG

Recent high school graduates may be eligible for an additional Pell Grant for up to \$750 for their first year of college and \$1300 for their second year. They must attend college full-time and must be a U.S. citizen (the college will verify these two criteria). The student must also have completed an eligible rigorous course of study.

The high school must validate whether the student meets one of the following options for eligibility for the 2006-07 school year for a student from California (out of state high schools may find their approved rigorous course of study requirements at the following URL: <http://www.ed.gov/admins/finaid/about/ac-smart/state-programs06.html>) :

- ***The California Golden State Seal Merit Diploma***
- ***A set of courses similar to the State Scholars Initiative.*** This program of study requires passing grades in the following:
 - Four years of English;
 - Three years of Math (including Algebra I and a higher level course such as Algebra II, Geometry, or Data Analysis and Statistics);
 - Three years of science (including at least two courses from biology, chemistry or physics);
 - Three years of social studies; and
 - One year of a foreign language.
- ***Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) courses and test scores.*** This program requires a minimum of two Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) courses in high school and a minimum passing score on the exams for those classes. Students must score 3 or higher on AP exams and 4 or higher on IB exams.
- ***California A-G Requirements.*** This program is available to students who complete the normal course requirements for the A-G requirements for admission to the UC or CSU, or complete a modified version of the A-G requirements for admission to the UC and CSU, in which a year-long, career technical education course that meets or exceeds the rigorous academic content standards approved by the State Board of Education may substitute for one of the courses that counts toward completion of the "G" requirement.
 - A. History/Social Science: 2 years required. Two years of history/social science selected from world history, cultures and geography; U.S. history; or, a combination of U.S. History, American government/civics, and economics equal to one year; and
 - B. English: 4 years required. Four years of college-preparatory English that includes frequent and regular writing, and reading of classic and modern literature. No more than one year of ESL-type courses can be used to meet this requirement; and
 - C. Mathematics: 3 years required. Three years of college-preparatory mathematics that include the topics covered in elementary and advanced algebra and two- and three-dimensional geometry. Approved integrated math courses may be used to fulfill part or all of this requirement; and
 - D. Laboratory Science: 2 years required. Two years of laboratory science chosen from biology, chemistry, physics, or physical science. Advanced laboratory science classes that have biology, chemistry or physics as prerequisites and offer substantial additional material may be used to fulfill this requirement. Two years of an approved integrated science program may be used to fulfill this requirement; and
 - E. Language other than English: 2 years required. Two years of the same language other than English. Courses should emphasize speaking and understanding, and include instruction in grammar, vocabulary, reading, composition and culture; and
 - F. Visual and Performing Arts: 1 year required. A single yearlong approved arts course from a single VPA discipline: dance, drama/theater, music or visual art. Courses used to fulfill this requirement must satisfy the five State standards for artistic perception, creative expression, historical and cultural context, aesthetic valuing, and connections, relations and application; and
 - G. College Preparatory Electives: 1 year required. One year, in addition to those required in "A-F" above, chosen from the following areas: visual and performing arts (non-introductory level courses), history, social science, English, advanced mathematics, laboratory science and language other than English (a third year in the language used for the "E" requirement or two years of another language).